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ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY.

A DESIRE TO PROTRACT THE PERIOD OF OUR
EXISTENCE IS SO PREVALENT, THAT WE
DREAD THE APPROACH OF DISSOLUTION
MORE THAN THE SEVEREST PANGS THAT CAN
AFFLICT OUR NATURE—AS THIS PROPENSITY
IS BOTH NATURAL AND LAUDABLE, AN
INSTITUTION, THAT TENDS TO PRESERVE THE
LIVES OF MANKIND, MAY JUSTLY CLAIM
THE SUPPORT OF A GENEROUS AND BENEVOLENT
NATION.

“ÆQUE PAUPERIBUS PRODEST LOCUPLETIBUS
 “ÆQUE,
 “ÆQUE NEGLECTUM PUERIS, SENIBUSQUE
 “NOCEBIT.” HOR.

THE HUMANE SOCIETY was established in this kingdom in the year 1774, for the recovery of the apparently dead by DROWNING, SUSPENSION, and the other causes of SUFFOCATION; and has in the course of *sixteen years* been the means of preserving and restoring the lives of more than FIFTEEN HUNDRED PERSONS, who otherwise would have been lost to their families, and to the state—The Rewards of this institution have been paid by the late JAMES HORSFALL, Esq. and Dr. LETTSOM, Treasurers, in TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY SIX CASES.—The encouragements held out to the inferior orders of people are of the *first importance*; they stimulate to action and perseverance; and the very idea that a *man's humanity* shall be rewarded, is the strongest incentive to the attempt to preserve life: and to our real satisfaction, EXPERIENCE has proved the truth of this observation.

The MEDICAL ASSISTANTS by their ardent zeal in our cause of humanity have proved remarkably successful; otherwise many hundreds of our fellow-creatures would have been inevitably lost to SOCIETY, their FRIENDS, their FAMILIES, and to the PUBLIC.

REFLECTIONS

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ON THE
NATIONAL IMPORTANCE
OF THE
HUMAN SOCIETY.

THE PHILANTHROPIST, whose expanded heart is interested in the welfare and preservation of mankind, and whose beneficence liberally contributes to the support of this institution, will be naturally disposed to reflect, that the persons restored were for a time numbered among the dead; and who at this moment owe the prolongation of their existence to the various means employed to rouse into *active life* the obscure remains of vitality.—Such amiable characters will likewise recollect, that the drowned, or otherwise suffocated, had all of them relatives or friends exquisitely interested in their restoration.—Farther, the contemplative mind will advert in the cases of lives thus *saved and restored* to the various benefits, which having before rendered, they are, by our exertions, *again* in a state to render unto society; and he will ardently wish and hope, that so beneficent an undertaking may be encouraged, and prosecuted with unremitted zeal; more especially as it is well known, that in proportion as the liberality of the public is enlarged towards the Society, it expands also the sphere of its salutary operations—eager only for the advantage of munificence, that it may dispense important benefits to the human race; and
anxious

anxious for that period when the *restorative art*, like the element it would disarm of its terrors and dangers, shall embrace without distinction all countries as well as Great Britain.

SIR JOSEPH ANDREWS, Bart. one of the *Vice Presidents* in the year 1789, expressed a wish that the benefits of the Humane Society should be extended to *Portsmouth, Portsea, and Gosport*. The COURT OF DIRECTORS complied with this request, and appointed the Faculty of these places their MEDICAL ASSISTANTS; and accordingly presented *Apparatuses, Drags, Reports, &c.* to Dr. LIND and Mr. DODDS, of Haslar Hospital, Mr. GASELEE, of Portsea, and the other medical gentlemen of Gosport and Portsmouth.

THE REWARDS being extended to the above sea-ports, has answered the most sanguine wishes of the *Vice President* and the Society, whose friends will recall to mind the exquisite pleasure they enjoyed at the *last Anniversary Festival* on seeing JAMES SHOVELLER, whose Life had been restored by Mr. GASELEE, a gentleman, who has been remarkably successful in rescuing several persons from apparent death; but in the present instance, his abilities, skill, and humanity, were particularly eminent and fortunate in *restoring this industrious, honest man, to his wife and nine CHILDREN*.—See the Reports for the years 1787, 1788, and 1789,—p. 258, 259, and 260.

GENERAL

G E N E R A L
O B S E R V A T I O N S.
I. NATIONAL BENEFIT.

In *the first place*, As Good CITIZENS, as true friends of our country, we cannot withhold our approbation of a plan of benevolence so evidently calculated to promote the public weal, by preserving the lives of the people, more especially of that class who principally contribute to the support of national opulence in a maritime and commercial state; and who, *pursuing their business on the great waters*, are consequently more liable to encounter its dangers.

THE WELFARE AND GLORY OF THE STATE, consists in the *multitude of its inhabitants*, particularly in a state like ours, whose extended dominion and territory have a demand for every encouragement to population, and the preservation of life.

II. RANK, AGE, OR CIRCUMSPECTION.

2dly. Not as citizens only, but as MEN, we are peculiarly interested in this labour of love. There is not an individual in the whole community but may at some time or other experience and bless the establishment of this institution. For no distinction of rank, no difference of age, nor caution, can be exempt from casualties to which every man's *business or pleasure* may subject him. And, as the heedlessness of youth, no less than the necessary daringness of men, lead to unavoidable perils of this sort, what cause, what frequent cause, may the mother, may the wife — nay, not the mother and wife alone, but the large extended circle of children, relations, and friends! have, to bless this life-saving Society!

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To

Dr. HAWES.

MASTER HARRIS, the Son of Mr. HARRIS,
RESTORED TO LIFE

by

Mr. CHRISTOPHERSON, Surgeon.

Maryport, Feb. 25, 1791.

" I had this day the honour to receive
" from Dr. *Josbua Dixon*, of Whitehaven, the
" HONORARY MEDAL of the HUMANE SOCIETY. —
" So distinguished a mark of approbation demands
" my utmost respect and gratitude. — In the
" happy and fortunate restoration of *Master Harris*
" to his fond and almost distracted parents, I have great
" reason to boast, and to declare, that my success was
" owing to strictly pursuing those judicious methods
" of restoring the apparently dead, which you have
" with so much humanity and philanthropy circulated
" through the kingdom.

" I beg the favour of you, Sir, to present my best
" respects, and most grateful acknowledgements to
" the PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENTS, and
" GOVERNORS, of your most valuable Institution,
" for the very high honour conferred; and believe
" me to be most respectfully.

" Yours, A. CHRISTOPHERSON."

Dr. DIXON, on the presentation of the MEDAL
to Mr. *Christopherson*, delivered an ingenious
Address; on which occasion Mr. HARRIS (father of
the restored son) and a considerable number of
gentlemen of Maryport were present, who at the
conclusion of it testified the highest marks of
approbation of the Doctor's abilities and
philanthropy.

* * * In the REPORTS of the HUMANE SOCIETY
the particulars of this extraordinary instance of the
Resuscitation of MASTER HARRIS and the judicious
Address delivered by Dr. DIXON will be published.

ON

ON THE RESTORATION
OF AN
ONLY CHILD

AN ELEGANT WRITER observes, on an *only child* being restored by one of the MEDICAL ASSISTANTS,—
 “ PARENT, with all thy tenderneſs, thou couldſt not
 “ deſcribe a thouſandth part of thoſe emotions which
 “ would ſwell thy heart, in beholding the little ſpark
 “ of almoſt extinguished life begin to revive *, through
 “ the efforts of thoſe inſtructed by this inſtitution to
 “ reſtore and to ſave!—PARENT, thou canſt not
 “ deſcribe what thy tender ſoul would feel—on
 “ hearing the firſt ſob, the firſt recovering ſigh of
 “ thy beloved child ; on beholding the object of thy
 “ deareſt care, opening once more his affectionate
 “ eyes upon thee, caſting his little arms around thy neck,
 “ and burſting with thee into tears of gratitude and joy!
 “ theſe deep ſenſations would almoſt burſt thy heart—
 “ on bearing in thy arms the dear recovered child,
 “ and preſenting to the half-diſtracted partner of thy
 “ care, to the mother frantic with deſpair and grief,
 “ and doubly dear for his imagined death ; infinitely
 “ more valued from his ſuppoſed irreparable
 “ ſeparation.”

“ HE BREATHES, HE LIVES.—OH JOY !—BE GONE
 MY FEARS.”

* In alluſion to the very expreſſive and elegant motto and deſign of the *medal*, which the Society are enabled to give to thoſe medical aſſiſtants, &c. who are ſo fortunate as to reſtore a life. See the title page and the Reports, &c. for 1775, p. 86.

III. FUTURITY.

The HUMANE SOCIETY has another call upon well-disposed characters, not as citizens, not as men, but as CHRISTIANS also; as persons not merely interested in the concerns of this life, but as contemplating that life to futurity.—In this awful respect, how terrible to be cut off in one sudden and unexpected moment, with all our imperfections upon our heads—no interval of thought or of reckoning allowed—no moment for recollection; but hurried in an instant, and utterly unprepared, to appear before that solemn tribunal.

*“ Hark! as those lips once more begin to move,
 “ What sounds ascend of gratitude and love!
 “ Now with the GREAT REDEEMER’s praise they glow,
 “ Then bless the agents * of his power below;
 “ O’eraw’d, and wond’ring at themselves, they see
 “ And feel the power of soft Humanity!”*

* Promoters of the Royal Humane Society.

It must be granted by every man of sensibility and discernment, that the public and private good of this institution are widely diffused; for, while other benevolent establishments, nobly founded for the alleviation of the miseries and misfortunes of life, strive, and *most humanely strive*, to remedy and relieve them; this provides even for LIFE itself. And if it be commendable to alleviate those *miseries*, how much more so must it be to save that *life*, and to become in a degree, at least, authors of an existence which even the most wretched prize at a high rate! and which is a possession indeed, that if rightly estimated, can never be too highly prized—an institution calculated to save and to restore to that inestimable blessing LIFE.

HÆC ÆTAS, SUPRA OMNES VITA PROTRAHENDA.
 FAUCIBUSQ. MORTIS ERIPIENDA,
 CLARE PRÆLUCET.

The MANAGERS, by transmitting to the most distant parts the interesting information derived to the public from the ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY, have excited the like spirit of philanthropy; which clearly appears from the annexed list of similar societies in various parts of the kingdom, Ireland, and the Trans-Atlantic regions.

HUMANE SOCIETIES

THAT have been lately established in
consequence of every necessary assistance and
information, afforded by the Managers of the
ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY

	Algiers,	
Philadelphia,		Liverpool.
Boston,		Shropshire,
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Glasgow,		Whitehaven,
Aberdeen,		Shrewsbury,
Birmingham,		Norwich,
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Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Lisbon.		

*** APPARATUSES, DRUGS, the REPORTS, AND several thousands of the PLANS OF RESUSCITATION, have been presented to the GENTLEMEN OF THE FACULTY, and others at GLASGOW, JAMAICA, BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA, LISBON, &c. in order to form similar benevolent institutions for the preservation of the lives of mankind.

IT MUST BE HIGHLY PLEASING AND GRATIFYING TO THE NOBLE AND BENEVOLENT CHARACTERS ASSEMBLED THIS DAY *, TO BE INFORMED, THAT THE FAME AND UTILITY OF THIS INSTITUTION IS NO LONGER CONFINED WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THIS ISLAND.—THAT THE MOST LEARNED SOCIETIES, AND THE MOST INGENIOUS MEN ON THE CONTINENT, ARE WILLING TO PAY OUR HUMANE SOCIETY THE TRIBUTE OF PRAISE DUE TO SCIENCE, SUPPORTED BY ALL THE DIGNIFIED VIRTUES OF HUMANITY.—A PUBLICATION HAS LATELY APPEARED AT AMSTERDAM, ENTITLED :

DISSERTATIO MEDICA

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S U B M E R S I S.

The judicious and learned author, Dr. ANTONY SCHRAGE, of Amsterdam, transmitted this dissertation to the REGISTER, which was the result of more than *twenty years* study and observation †; accompanied with the following elegant address, presenting the fruits of his labours and experience to the PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENTS and MANAGERS of the ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY.

* Anniversary Festival at the London Tavern.

† “Pace vestra mihi liceat hoc operis quicquid est vobis offerre atque dedicare, quod etsi parvum et succinctum, viginti tamen, et quod excurrit annorum observatione mihi constitit.”

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DISSERTATIO MEDICA DE SUBMERSIS
AMPLISSIMI DOCTISSIMI.

“ÆQUE AC CELEBERRIMI VIRI”

“SPECTATÆ VESTRÆ BNEVOLENTIÆ hancce a me
“exhiberi meam de submersis dissertationem, eo minus
“gravabimini, quod persuasissimo mihi licet esse vobiscum
“haud in ultimis ut arrideat fore, et eo ipsam scripti,
“quæ summi est momenti, materiam, et quoniam ejusdem
“notæ cujus vestra est, Societati, dicata fuerit, atque
“consecrata.—Tam rapidi scilicet, iidemq. eximii hucusque
“fuerunt vestri progressus in sublevandis conservandisque
“submersis mortalibus, ut, quicunque ullam ejusmodi
“societatem augeat atque colat, eo ipso facto hanc quoque
“vestram coluerit.”

“Faxit ille ter optimus maximus, ut exigui conatus
“mei, ut nimis forsitan audax, quam propius, Theoria
“diuturna fructus praxeos, me doctioribus quasi duci futura
“sit emendandi, probebendique ad fastidium quoddam
“vindicationis modi submersorum hominum!—Tum
“equidem, ut felicissimus, et vobis, et mihi gratulationes
“forem, si vestram gloriam simulque una bonorum omnium,
“juvandi miseros gaudium et solatium, inanes, magis
“magisque aucta viam: mihiq. gavisorus me cum
“merito sensu reverentiæ atque observantiæ vobis perpetuo
“debito perseverare.”

AMPLISSIMI DOCTISSIMIQUE

ÆQUE AC CELEBERRIMI VIRI!

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Cultorem obsequiosissimum

A. SCHRAGE, MED. DOCT.

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ANNEXED IS THE TRANSLATION.

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS, MOST LEARNED,
 AND
 MOST CELEBRATED MEN,

YE will not be displeased at my offering to your well-known benevolence this treatise, which I have written on the subject of the drowned, because I am well persuaded that it must interest and please you, as well from the matter it involves, which is of the most momentous import, as from its having been dedicated to a society that perfectly assimilates to yours in its views and objects.—So rapid, and at the same time so distinguished have been hitherto *your advances* in affording the means of relief and preservation to the drowned, that whoever shall improve or cultivate any institution professing similar designs, in so doing, the same must engage the attention, and secure the approbation, of your Society.

May the best and greatest of beings grant, that my pious endeavours, that the theory, which I propose perhaps with too much temerity, may lead, and may induce others more learned, to cultivate and to advance to perfection the method of bringing salvation to the drowned.—After that, I may be able to congratulate you and myself, as supremely happy, if I shall behold the daily increase of your glory therein, that of the joy and pleasure which all good men must experience in the Godlike office of yielding assistance unto the victims of misery, and rejoice with myself in *continuing* with that reverence and observance ever due to you.

ANTONY SCHRAGE.

BRIEF REFLECTIONS ON THE PRESERVATION OF LIFE.

1. IMPRESSED, as we are, with the uncertainty of life, from casualties of every kind, to which we are liable, the importance of extending and elucidating the principles of the HUMANE SOCIETY must appear conspicuous ; and those, who endeavour to effect this great work of philanthropy, gloriously contribute to the preservation of their fellow-creatures.—Let us recall to mind this subject of apparent death, *the state of ignorance* from which we are emancipated upon the subject of apparent death.——2. Had not the spring and energy of the mind broken the fetters of darkness, by the application of the principles on which this institution was founded—*how many, whom we can now felicitate, would have been sunk in endless night!—How many useful subjects would have been lost to the community!—How many tender affections between parent and child would have been denied, and pangs endured!*—3. HOW MANY GODLIKE SENTIMENTS MUST YOU HAVE BEEN DEPRIVED OF IN WITNESSING THAT THE APPARENTLY DEAD HAVE BEEN RAISED INTO EXISTENCE, AND THE INANIMATE MASS HATH AGAIN BREATHED THE BREATH OF LIFE.

The BISHOP OF ST. DAVID'S, in his excellent sermon * preached in favour of this institution, observes :—" *It is for us, till public patronage be obtained, to supply the want of it, what we can, by the* UTMOST LIBERALITY *of voluntary contribution.*

* Anniversary Sermon, 1789.

I N L A N D N A V I G A T I O N.

It may be observed, that adventitious circumstances give additional force to the pleadings of Sympathy and Compassion ; and Humanity, like other virtues, though at all times equally amiable, may derive additional recommendations from the exigencies of the times, and local concatenations of circumstances and events.—To such a climax are the demands of the HUMANE SOCIETY upon the liberal patronage of the public now arrived, by the increased attention to our *Inland Navigation*.—Let us consider the vastness of the numbers thus employed ; fairly appreciate their value, and their importance to their country—to their families !—Let us estimate the danger to which they are constantly exposed in their struggles to provide for those families, and to aggrandize the power and opulence of that country ! and then say, if we must not be insensible alike to the feelings of genuine patriotism and humanity, should we deny the urgent necessity in such a country of liberally countenancing an Institution which would

“ SNATCH THE PALE VICTIM FROM THE
“ FLOATING GRAVE.”

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LANCASHIRE HUMANE SOCIETY,
Bridgewater Arms, Aug. 25, 1790,

The *Right Hon.* LORD GREY DE WILTON
in the Chair *.

RESOLVED,

“ THAT the thanks of this Society be given to
“ Mr. HARVEY, of Manchester, for his great attention
“ to the interests thereof ; — And, for his ingenious
“ invention of a MACHINE to promote RE-ANIMATION
“ by a *gradual communication of heat*, that he be presented
“ with a *piece of plate* value twenty guineas.”

The COURT OF DIRECTORS of the
ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY ordered the above
COUCHETTE to be made, for the restoration of
ADULTS, and likewise one on a *smaller scale* for restoring
life to STILL-BORN CHILDREN : And it is likewise
recommended to be employed in all cases of the
sudden death of INFANTS, &c. as its application will
always tend to aid and assist the various means of
resuscitation.

Dr. WATERHOUSE on the PRINCIPLES of VITALITY.

“ By the ACTION of STIMULI on the SOLIDS,
“ particularly HEAT, the VIS VITALIS is EXCITED and
“ PRESERVED ; when *diminished* it may be ENCREASED
“ and when *suspended* it may be RESTORED.” —
Delivered before the Boston Humane Society, 1790.

* LORD GREY DE WILTON favoured the
ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY with his countenance as one of the Stewards
for the year 1790 ; his Lordship attended the Anniversary Sermon
preached by the Rev. ARCHDEACON POTT, and generously presented to
the Society a benefaction of thirty pounds.

ADDRESSED

to

Dr. HAWES,

JANUARY, 1791.

Dr. JOSHUA DIXON observes—"The deplorable
" subjects of *Suspended Animation*, claim our affectionate
" exertions. Impelled by the genuine dictates of
" HUMANITY, no source of felicity can equal that
" of RESTORING LIFE to an apparently expired
" Fellow-Creature; and whose Fate must have been
" otherwise inevitably determined.—This felicity
" occurred lately to Messrs. I. and J. WILLIAMSON,
" Mr. DAWSON, and Mr. GAITSKELL, Surgeons,
" who effected the *Restoration* of *James Somerville*, by
" an observance of those instructions, which are so
" liberally supplied by the ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY."

JAMAICA. The HUMANE SOCIETY has paid
five pistoles to R. J. Bessa Abba, and Gibson, for their
services in restoring the life of a white person.—Also
2l. 15s. to *Mary Barrow*, who received the body, and
furnished every accommodation.

SOUTHAMPTON.—A boat overfet, and an alarm
being given, in consequence of which a collier was
manned, which was happily in time to rescue the
persons from the watery grave, the apparently dead
bodies as soon as discovered were carried to the
RECEIVING HOUSE, where Mr. WARING used the
proper means with success; and they are now able to
attend their various avocations.

EXETER. *N. Lee*, fell into the river, where he
remained about ten minutes; his son (who did not
know that it was his father), hearing of the accident,
fortunately got him out of the water; the body was
conveyed to the house appointed by the Society, and
the usual methods were successfully employed.

HONORARY

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HONORARY MEDALS,
1788—1790—and 1792.
SUCCESSFUL DISSERTATIONS, 1788.
THE CONNEXION OF LIFE WITH
RESPIRATION.

BY EDMUND GOODWYN, M.D.

AN ESSAY ON THE RECOVERY OF THE
APPARENTLY DEAD.

BY CHARLES KITE, Surgeon.

1790.
A DISSERTATION
ON
SUSPENDED RESPIRATION,
from

DROWNING, HANGING, OR SUFFOCATION.

By EDWARD COLEMAN, Surgeon.

AN ESSAY ON VITAL SUSPENSION.

BY A
MEDICAL PRACTITIONER.

Dedicated to Dr. HAWES.

PRIZE-MEDALS, 1792.
THE HONORARY GOLD AND SILVER MEDAL.

On the following Questions:

WHAT IS THE PROXIMATE CAUSE OF DEATH
IN THE VARIOUS KINDS OF SUFFOCATION?

AND WHAT

ARE THE MOST JUDICIOUS MEANS TO BE
EMPLOYED TO RESTORE ANIMATION?

THE DETERMINATION OF THE DISSERTATIONS,
WILL BE VESTED

IN THE

MEDICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON.

THE BISHOP OF ST. DAVID'S OBSERVES, IN HIS ANNIVERSARY SERMON, ——— "that the
" MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS accept no pecuniary
" recompence for the time which they devote to a
" difficult and tedious process :—Their sole reward
" is the holy joy of doing good :—THE GOOD
" INTENTION THEREFORE OF THE SOCIETY IS
" PROVED BY ITS CONSTITUTION; THE WISDOM
" AND PUBLIC UTILITY OF THE UNDERTAKING
" ARE PROVED BY ITS SUCCESS."

MEDICAL ASSISTANTS.

MIDDLESEX.

LONDON and WESTMINSTER SIDE.

Below London-Bridge.

Limehouse, *Mr. Smith.*

Ratcliffe-crofts, *Mr. Patten.*

Shadwell, *Mr. Wilson.*

Wapping, *Mr. Williams, Mr. Midford and Mr. Fraser.*

Mansfield-street, *Mr. Wyat.*

Goodman's-fields, *Daniel Williams, Esq.*

Billingsgate, *Mr. Vaux and Mr. Draper.*

Tower-hill, *Mr. Steele.*

Goodman's

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Sambrook-house, *Dr. Lettsom.*
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Lime-street, *Mr. Simpson.*
Lawrence-pountney-lane, *Mr. Bee.*
Garlick-hill, *Mr. Walford* and *Mr. Landon.*
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Old Fish-street, *Mr. Armiger.*
Salisbury-square, *Mr. Baker.*
Fetter-lane, *Mr. Samwell.*
Chancery-lane, *Mr. Houlston.*
Holborn, *Mr. Dimond.*
Clerkenwell, *Mr. Akenhead* and *Mr. Chamberlaine.*
Strand, *Dr. Cooper*, *Mr. Beaumont*, and *Mr. Moore.*
Hanover-street, *Dr. Jackson.*
Whitehall, *Mr. Andrews.*
Dean-street, *Dr. Murray.*
Westminster, *Mr. Wright*, *Mr. Hanbury*, and *Mr. Alton.*
Strutton-ground, *Mr. Barton.*

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Chelsea, *Dr. Smith*, *Mr. Kinnard*, and *Mr. Phipps.*
Hammer-smith, *Mr. Loveday*, *Mr. Miller.*
Chiswick, *Mr. Gerard* *Mr. Curtis.*
Brentford, *Mr. Corson*, *Mr. Oliver*, and *Mr. Ansel.*
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Twickenham, *Mr. Tondre* and *Mr. Gilchrist.*
Hampton, *Mr. Griffenhouse* and *Mr. Nixon.*
Staines, *Mr. Pope* and *Mr. Tottle.*
Great Marlow, *Mr. Trasb.*

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Knightbridge, *Mr. Jackson.*
Kensington, *Mr. Hardwicke, Mr. Thompson.*
Shepherd-street, *Mr. Billingshurst.*
Quebec-street, *Mr. Whale.*

B E R K S.

Windfor, *Dr. Biddle, Mr. Aylett, and Mr. Williamson.*

KENT and SURREY SIDE.

Below London-Bridge.

R O C H E S T E R.

Dr. Beugo, Richard Thompson, Esq. Mr. Blackstone,
Mr. Cooper, Mr. Dyne, and Mr. Robinson.

S T R O O D.

Mr. Barrow, Mr. Weeks, Mr. Bromley.

C H A T H A M.

Mr. Conquest, Mr. Ruffin, and Mr. Briant.

G I L L I N G H A M.

Mr. Davis, Mr. Andrews, Mr. Tash.
Gravesend, Mess. Cooper, Jones, and Kite.
Woolwich, Mr. Irvin, Mr. Bickerton, Mr. Coombes, Mr.
Moore, and Mr. Hornsby.

Deptford,

Deptford, *Mr. Harrison, Mr. Sheriffe, Mr. Smith.*
Peckham, *Mr. Edwards and Mr. Avelin.*
Greenwich, *Mr. Mills, Mr. Wheeler, Mr. Pocock.*
Lewisham, *Mr. Milam.*
Queen-street, *Mr. White.*
Bermondsey, *Mr. Jordan.*
St. Olave's, *Mr. Hawes and Mr. Leadham.*
Dowgate Hill, *Mr. Wedborough.*
Allard's Point, *Mr. Chapman.*
Rotherhithe, *Mr. Maddox, Mr. Gaitskill, Mr. Gray,*
Mr. Green, Mr. Bungay, and Mr. Burrows.

S U R R E Y.

Black-friars, *Mess. Boyse, Ridout, and Wood.*
Lambeth, *Mr. Burges, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Hyde, Mr. Young.*
Clapham, *Mr. Prior, Mr. Carfan,*
Wandsworth, *Mr. Perfect and Mr. King,*
Fulham, *Mr. Pary and Mr. Burnett.*
Putney, *John Rose, Esq. Mr. Norris,*
Mortlake *Mr. Davis and Mr. King,*
Battersea, *Mr. Church.*
Richmond *Mr. Jackson, Mr. Smith,*
Kingston, *Mr. Bennett, Mr. Hemmings, and Mr. Smith.*
Henley, *Mr. Pope and Mr. Mapelton.*
Walton, *Mr. Carpenter.*
Weybridge, *Mr. Webb.*
Chertsey, *Mess. Mapletoft and Smith.*

NEW RIVER ISLINGTON.

Islington, *John Hole, Esq. Church, and Hales, Dr. Jackson.*
Clerkenwell, *Mr. Chamberlain,*
Kentish Town, *Mr. Laroux.*
Highgate, *John Jones, Esq.*

Barnet,

Barnet, *Mr. Rumboll and Mr. Wilson.*
Hoxton, *Mr. Parkinson.*
Artillery Place, *Mr. Soden.*
Shoreditch, *Mr. Dearn.*
Stoke Newington, *Mr. Penleaze and Mr. Smith.*
Tottenham, *Mr. W. Holt, Mr. Holmes.*
Edmonton, *Mr. Connop.*
Enfield, *Mr. Sherwin, Mr. Harrison.*
Hackney, *Mess. Downing, Hayward, and Toulmin.*
Bow, *Mr. Coles, Mr. Wilkinson.*

E S S E X.

Waltham-Abbey, *Mr. Heron and Mr. Cannon.*
Stratford, *Mr. How, Mr. Talbut, and Mr. Miller.*
Barking and Ilford *Mr. Cooke, Mr. Ireland, Mr. Bray,*
Mr. Moore.
Colchester, *Mr. Hoffock, Dr. Tapping, J. H. Lisle, Esq.*
Mr. Day, Mr. Staples, Mr. Wade, Mr. Newell,
Mr. Gretton.
Harwich, *M. Cox, Mr. Hopkins.*
Halstead, *Mr. Forbes.*
St. Osyth, *Mr. Inman.*
Manningtree, *Mr. Rogers.*

H E R T F O R D S H I R E,

Hertford, *Mr. Frost, Mr. Cutler.*
Ware, *Mr. Burr, Mr. Dunby, Mr. Tice.*
Cheshunt, *Mr. Hooper, Mr. Sanders.*
Hoddesdon, *Mr. Baker.*

B E D F O R D.

Mr. Gadsby, Mr. Pulley, Mr. Jackson.

S U F F O L K.

Nayland, *Mr. Fairclow.*
East Bergholt, *Mr. Simpson.*
Boxford, *Mr. Juson.*
Holbrook, *Mr. Buck.*
Saxmundham, *Mr. Cooper.*
Melford, *Mr. Bolton.*

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PORTSMOUTH.

*Dr. Meik, Dr. Silver, Mr. Chaldecott, Mr. Gibbs, Mr. Loup,
Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Swinburn, Mr. Tawell, and
Mr. Wilkes.*

PORTSMOUTH-COMMON.

*Dr. Waller, Mr. Gaselee, Mr. Ayward, Mr. Hellier,
Mr. Hill, Mr. Hurst, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Millard.*

G O S P O R T.

*Dr. Lind, Mr. Dods, Mr. Harpur, Mr. Hatcher, Mr.
Sempnell, Mr. Waller and Son.*

H A S L A R H O S P I T A L.

Dr. John Lind and Mr. Dodds.

* * The MEDICAL ASSISTANTS are respectfully
requested to give information, to the REGISTER of
any omission of the names of gentlemen, removals,
or other accidental errors; which will be carefully
corrected in the next publication.

MEDICAL COMMITTEE.

RESOLVED *Unanimously,*

“ That in consequence of several cases communicated
“ to the MANAGERS wherein early and profuse bleeding
“ had proved injurious, *an official letter* be sent to each
“ of the MEDICAL ASSISTANTS, requesting him to be
“ extremely cautious respecting VENESECTIO, and
“ particularly attentive to its effects, wherever it may
“ be deemed necessary; and that they would give
“ information to the Society on the result of their
“ observations in so essential a point of practice.”

THE COURT of DIRECTORS consider it their duty
to enter in the most public manner their CAVEAT against
the *indiscriminate use of the Lancet* in the various kinds
of suffocation.—MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS are
requested, on being called to drowned persons, &c.
not only to refrain from venesection, until the
powers of life are perceived to act with considerable
vigour; but even then, if it should be indicated, to
use it with the greatest caution and circumspection.

Signed by Order, W. HAWES, REGISTER.

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THE
GENERAL COURT OF DIRECTORS
have testified the high sense which they entertained
of the important services rendered to the Publick
and to the Society by the MEDICAL ASSISTANTS.

London Coffee-house, Feb. 17, 1791.

JOSEPH THOMPSON, Esq. V. P. in the Chair.

At a GENERAL MEETING
of the
ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY it was

“ Resolved unanimously,

“ That the MEDICAL ASSISTANTS of this
“ Institution are most justly entitled to the most
“ grateful thanks of this COURT, the GOVERNORS,
“ and the PUBLICK, for their constant, earnest, and
“ distinguished exertions to advance the prosperity
“ of the HUMANE SOCIETY, and particularly for the
“ *unremitting and ardent professional zeal* they have
“ manifested in the preservation and restoration of
“ of the LIVES OF MANKIND.”

“ W. HAWES, REGISTER.”

AN
A B S T R A C T
OF THE
R U L E S A N D O R D E R S
OF THE
R O Y A L H U M A N E S O C I E T Y.

I. **T H A T** this institution be called the **ROYALHUMANESOCIETY**, for the Recovery of Persons apparently drowned, or otherwise suffocated.

II. That this Society do consist of a **PATRON**, **PRESIDENT**, **VICE-PRESIDENTS**, **TREASURER**, **REGISTER**, **SECRETARY**, **RECEIVER**, **DIRECTORS**, and **GOVERNORS**,

III. That all persons who pay **ONE GUINEA** annually be **GOVERNORS** of this Institution,—And on the payment of **TEN GUINEAS**, or upwards, at one time, shall be **LIFE DIRECTORS**.

IV. THAT on any donations being presented to the Society, or legacies of FIFTY POUNDS being paid, the person who pays the same, shall be an HONORARY DIRECTOR for life.

V. THAT there shall be TWO GENERAL COURTS of the SOCIETY in the year, viz. the third *Wednesday* in *March*, and on the same day in *September*.

VI. THAT A COMMITTEE OF GOVERNORS, consisting of twenty-one members, shall be chosen annually at the General Court in *March*, which Committee shall meet once in six weeks, at the *London Coffee House*, at seven o'clock in the evening.

VII. THAT ANY PHYSICIAN, SURGEON, OR APOTHECARY, desirous of becoming a *Medical Assistant*, must be proposed by a Gentleman of the Faculty or Member of the Committee, and his election shall come on at the subsequent Court of Directors.

VIII. THAT THE TREASURER shall annually lay before the COURT OF DIRECTORS, held in *March*, the state of the SOCIETY's funds respecting the receipts and disbursements of this Institution.

IX. THAT ALL BUSINESS OF IMPORTANCE, transacted at the COMMITTEES or GENERAL COURTS, and whatever may tend to *the advantage* of the Society, be inserted in the public prints; and that at the beginning of every month, subscriptions, &c. be likewise advertised.

X. THAT THE REGISTER shall draw up the REPORTS and ANNUAL PUBLICATIONS of the ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY.

D I R E C T I O N S
F O R T H E
R E C O V E R Y
O F T H E
A P P A R E N T L Y D E A D.

I. The RESTORATION of HEAT is of the greatest consequence to the return of LIFE: when, therefore, the body is taken out of the water, the cloaths should be stripped off; or, if naked at the time of the accident, it must be covered with two or three coats, or a blanket. The body should then be carefully conveyed to the nearest RECEIVING-HOUSE, with the head a little raised.—In *cold* and *damp* weather the person should be laid on a bed, &c. in a room that is moderately heated:—In *summer*, on a bed exposed to the rays of the sun, and not more than six persons admitted, as a greater number may retard the return of life. The body is to be well *dried* with warm cloaths, and gently rubbed with flannels, sprinkled with rum, brandy, gin, or mustard.—FOMENTATIONS of spirits may be applied to the pit of the stomach with advantage.—A warming-pan covered with flannel should be lightly moved up and down the back; bladders, or bottles, filled with hot water, heated bricks, or tiles wrapped up in flannel, should be applied to the soles of the feet, palms of the hands, and other parts of the body.

* * * Mr. HARVEY's COUCHETTE is highly worthy the attention of the MEDICAL ASSISTANTS, &c. it being very ingeniously contrived for the communication of universal heat to the body, and may prove efficacious in all kinds of suspended animation ——— See LANCASTER HUMANE SOCIETY, p. xxxi. of this publication.

II. RE-

II. RESPIRATION will be promoted, by closing the mouth and one nostril, while, with the pipe of a bellows you blow into the other with sufficient force to inflate the lungs; another person should then press the chest gently with his hands, so as to expel the air. If the pipe be too large for the nostrils, the air may be blown in at the mouth. Blowing the breath can only be recommended when bellows cannot be procured.

III. The BOWELS should be inflated with the *fumes of tobacco*, and repeated three or four times within first hour; but, if circumstances prevent the use of this vapour, then CLYSTERS of this herb, or other *acrid infusions with salt*, may be thrown up with advantage. — The FUMIGATING MACHINE is so much improved as to be of the highest importance to the Public; and, if employed in every instance of apparent death, it would restore the lives of many of our fellow creatures, as it now answers the important purposes of *fumigation, inspiration, and expiration*.

IV. AGITATION has proved a powerful auxiliary to the other means of recovery: one or more of the Assistants should, therefore, take hold of the legs and arms, particularly of boys, and shake their bodies for five or six minutes: this may be repeated several times within the first hour. When the bodies of children are wiped perfectly dry, they should be placed in bed between two healthy persons, and the friction chiefly directed, in this case, to the left side, where it will be most likely to excite the motion of the heart.

V. When these Methods have been employed for an hour, if any brewhouse, bakehouse, or glasshouse, be near, where *warm grains, ashes, lees, &c.* can be procured, the body should be placed in any of these moderated

moderated to a degree of heat very little exceeding that of the person in health. If the warm bath can be conveniently obtained, it may be advantageously used in conjunction with the earliest modes of treatment.

VI. ELECTRICITY should be early employed, as it will most certainly increase the beneficial effects of the other means of recovery on the system.—“ The “ ELECTRICAL SHOCK,” says Mr. KITE, in his *Essay on the Recovery of the Apparently Dead*, “ is to be admitted as the test or discriminating characteristic of “ any remains of animal life; and so long as that “ produces *contractions*, may the person be said to be “ in a *recoverable* state: but when those effects had “ ceased, there can no doubt remain of the party “ being absolutely and positively dead.”

VII. If convulsions, spasms, or any of the other signs of returning life appear, a tea-spoonful or two of warm water may be put into the mouth; and if the power of swallowing be returned, a little warm wine or brandy diluted with water may be frequently given. —When this gradual approach towards recovery is observed, and breathing returned, let the person be put into a warm bed; and if disposed to sleep, as is generally the case, give no disturbance, and he will awake almost perfectly recovered.

The above plain and successful methods are to be employed with vigour for three or four hours; it being a vulgar and dangerous opinion to suppose persons irrecoverable, because *life does not soon make its appearance*; an opinion that has consigned an immense number to the grave, who might have been RESTORED TO LIFE by *resolution and perseverance*.

BLEEDING

BLEEDING should never be employed in cases of apparent death, unless by the direction and advice of one of the MEDICAL ASSISTANTS, or some other respectable gentleman of the faculty, who has paid particular attention to the subject of suspended animation.—*See Medical Committee on Venesection.*

On the first alarm of any person being drowned, let hot water, common salt, flour of mustard, warm blankets, hot flannels, flat bottles filled with hot water, a heated warming-pan, bellows, brandy, hartshorn drops, or other spirits, and an electrifying machine, be procured.—These various articles being at hand, and immediately employed, may be productive of restoring many useful and valuable lives.

The common people will often restore life by pursuing the methods recommended; but, if GENTLEMEN OF THE FACULTY can be obtained, their assistance should be immediately requested; as their skill will lead them judiciously to vary the plans of treatment; and, in a variety of accidents, *many more lives* will be restored to the community and to their families.

The above restorative means have proved remarkably efficacious in *apparent sudden death*, by CONVULSIONS, SUFFOCATION, HANGING, INTENSE COLD, and the TREMENDOUS STROKE OF LIGHTNING.—When persons are FROST-BITTEN they should be *rubbed with snow*, previous to their being brought into a warm room.—In SUFFOCATION, occasioned by the *fumes of sulphur, charcoal, fermenting cellars, vaults, coal-mines, &c.* dashing the face and breast with cold water immediately, and continued for considerable length of time, has been known to restore the lives of colliers, miners, &c.

THE
L E G A L P O W E R
O F
C O R O N E R S.

PUBLICANS and OTHERS, who have been deterred from receiving the apparently dead, or giving immediate assistance, under an apprehension of *legal punishments or penalties*, are now informed that the COURT OF DIRECTORS have obtained the following judicious and important opinion of an eminent SPECIAL PLEADER :— “ It is a misdemeanour by the “ common law, and an indictable offence, to “ prevent the CORONER from doing his duty, “ or to obstruct him in the execution of it.— “ But the meddling with a body apparently dead, “ for the purpose of preserving life, *is not a transgression “ of the law in either of these respects* ; nor do I know “ any statute by which such an act is prohibited.”— ALL PERSONS who immediately admit into their houses drowned or otherwise suffocated persons, and afford the earliest assistance in the various instances of apparent sudden deaths, &c. will be indemnified by the MANAGERS of this Institution; and are informed that the *charges of Burial* in unsuccessful Cases, as far as the DIRECTORS have extended the benefits and rewards of this INSTITUTION, will be refunded by the ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY.

BRIEF

BRIEF REFLECTIONS
FOR THE
PRESERVATION
AND
RESTORATION OF LIFE.

It has been proved ; beyond a doubt, that, in various instances of apparent sudden death, and even in certain diseases, which have been considered as fatal to mankind, *a suspension of the vital powers* may take place independent of the absolute extinction of life ; and it is now an established maxim, that the *coldness of the body, the frigidity of the limbs* and the *abolition of the external senses*, are very dubious and fallacious signs of death. It is not then to be wondered at, that the absurd and pernicious custom of laying out the bodies of persons supposed to be dead, as soon as respiration ceases, should have occasioned the premature dissolution of an immense number of the human race.

“ AD UTILITATEM VITÆ, OMNIA CONSILIA,

“ FACTAQ. NOSTRA

“ DIRIGENDA SUNT.” TACITUS.

1st. In APOPLEXIES, TRANCES, SYNCOPÉ, and FITS, arising from violent agitation of the mind, the return of life may be frequently effected by the attendance of skilful practitioners.

2dly. CONVULSIONS of YOUNG CHILDREN have caused an immense number of infants to be prematurely committed to the grave; but it is a pleasing and fortunate truth, that, since the delivery of LECTURES ON SUSPENDED ANIMATION by Dr. HAWES, many of the infant race have been resuscitated and restored to their fond parents.

3dly. ON OPIUM or various SPIRITS producing the appearances of the sudden departure of life, early judicious medical treatment has been productive of the return of animation.

The variety of circumstances, in which the state of apparent death may take place, have been accurately described; it is therefore hoped, that *prudence, humanity, and natural affection*, will so far prevail, as to induce relatives, &c. to consult the FACULTY on the appearances of death; as the most valuable lives may be preserved. The BIRMINGHAM HUMANE SOCIETY, instituted 1790, observes on this important and interesting subject, "COMMON DEATHS"—"*It is particularly recommended to all persons not to lay out bodies and abandon them as dead, upon the first disappearance of the signs of life; but in all cases to have them examined by some Physician, Surgeon, or Apothecary, before they are inclosed in the coffin.*"—*Salus populi suprema lex.*

EXTRAORDINARY INSTANCES
OF
RESUSCITATION.

Mr. WILLIAMS to the REGISTER.

“ An alarming and dreadful explosion of inflammable
“ air happened, and at the moment killed five of the
“ cutters, fourteen of the colliers agreed to go into the
“ pit to get up the remains of their fellow labourers;
“ but the men remaining a long time the agents suspected
“ that they were suffocated (which was unfortunately
“ the case): some more of the colliers went down, and
“ brought up the bodies, in an apparent lifeless state.

“ The judicious plan of the HUMANE SOCIETY
“ was pursued, when we discovered signs of
“ RETURNING LIFE in several of our SUFFOCATED
“ PATIENTS, and we were so fortunate as to restore
“ *Eight of the Colliers* to their wives and children.

“ The names of the persons restored to life by a
“ long and resolute perseverance in the various means
“ recommended by your excellent institution are,
“ *T. Sims, D. Jones, J. Evans, J. Rees, E. Hobson,*
“ *W. Morgan, W. Rose, and James King.*

“ THOMAS WILLIAMS, } Surgeons.
“ DAVID HOPKINS, }

April 18, 1791, — Mr. Williams observes, —
“ THE SEVERAL COLLIERS *restored to Life* called at
“ my house last week, and each of them desired me
“ to return their *most humble and grateful thanks* to the
“ PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENTS, and GOVERNORS
“ of the HUMANE SOCIETY for their being at this
“ time alive, and enabled to be the support and
“ comfort of their numerous families.” — The
particulars of their Restorations are fully related in the
Reports, 1787, 1788, 1789, of this Institution.

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A T T E S T E D

by the
Rev. Mr. HAMUS, Rector of Broseley,
and the
Rev. Mr. HOLMES.

PHILIP PUGH, of Shrewsbury, who worked at LORD DUNDONNALD's tar works, was lately discovered to all appearance dead, in consequence of suffocation "by the exhalation of sulphurous fumes; Mr. CORBETT, one of the *Medical Assistants*, being called in, observed as follows: "It was at least twenty minutes before my arrival, when I commenced with the utmost dispatch the usual means of recovery; and the happy consequences were, that, in about a quarter of an hour, my patient fell into strong convulsions: a laborious breathing soon followed, and other signs of returning life."

* * * "The truth of these principles, however contrary to received opinions, and current prejudice, is now abundantly confirmed by the success with which providence hath blessed the labours of the Humane Society for sixteen years."—See BISHOP OF SAINT DAVID'S ANNIVERSARY SERMON, 1789.

L I G H T N I N G.

S I R,

I was called to a man who had been struck dead by Lightning. The electric fire first fell upon the roof, and was conducted to the extremity of the tiles, under which he was passing, by a sheeting of lead — The person was to all appearance dead, there being no signs of respiration or circulation. I employed the various modes of treatment recommended; and, in about half an hour, signs of respiration became perceptible. In about eight hours he recovered his speech; and in a day or two he was perfectly restored to life and health.

T. HAYES.

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S U S P E N S I O N.

By a firm and resolute perseverance in the means recommended by the HUMANE SOCIETY, in about four hours the young woman was restored to life. The event I have now the happiness to acquaint you with.

There were upwards of one hundred spectators who had the satisfaction of seeing the proper means employed, which fortunately restored the young woman alive to her disconsolate friends.

JOHN CARTER BROSELEY.

“ TO SNATCH FROM DEATH THE VICTIM OF
“ DESPAIR,

“ AND GIVE THE MEANS OF PENITENCE AND
“ PRAYER.”

RECOVERY FROM APPARENT DEATH, BY INTENSE COLD.

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A T T E S T E D

by the
Rev. Mr. HAMUS, Rector of Broseley,
and the
Rev. Mr. HOLMES.

PHILIP PUGH, of Shrewsbury, who worked at LORD DUNDONNALD's tar works, was lately discovered to all appearance dead, in consequence of suffocation "by the exhalation of sulphurous fumes; Mr. CORBETT, one of the *Medical Assistants*, being called in, observed as follows: "It was at least twenty minutes before my arrival, when I commenced with the utmost dispatch the usual means of recovery; and the happy consequences were, that, in about a quarter of an hour, my patient fell into strong convulsions: a laborious breathing soon followed, and other signs of returning life."

* * * "The truth of these principles, however contrary to received opinions, and current prejudice, is now abundantly confirmed by the success with which providence hath blessed the labours of the Humane Society for sixteen years."—See BISHOP OF SAINT DAVID'S ANNIVERSARY SERMON, 1789.

L I G H T N I N G.

S I R,

I was called to a man who had been struck dead by Lightning. The electric fire first fell upon the roof, and was conducted to the extremity of the tiles, under which he was passing, by a sheeting of lead — The person was to all appearance dead, there being no signs of respiration or circulation. I employed the various modes of treatment recommended; and, in about half an hour, signs of respiration became perceptible. In about eight hours he recovered his speech; and in a day or two he was perfectly restored to life and health.

T. HAYES.

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S U S P E N S I O N.

By a firm and resolute perseverance in the means recommended by the HUMANE SOCIETY, in about four hours the young woman was restored to life. The event I have now the happiness to acquaint you with.

There were upwards of one hundred spectators who had the satisfaction of seeing the proper means employed, which fortunately restored the young woman alive to her disconsolate friends.

JOHN CARTER BROSELEY.

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The following note, &c. from a NOBLEMAN universally esteemed and respected, with the judicious relation of an extraordinary recovery from apparent death, demands public attention, as it undeniably proves that the most EXALTED CHARACTERS, on retiring to their country seats, may be frequently instrumental in the preservation of the lives of their fellow-creatures.

Duff House.

“ Lord FIFE’s compliments to Dr. HAWES, sends him the enclosed letter—LORD FIFE has given a surgeon in the neighbourhood the APPARATUS, DRAGS, and REPORTS OF THE ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY, from which he will be benefited if any such melancholy accidents happen; and it is to be hoped that the lives of such unfortunate persons will be restored.

Mr. FARQUHAR to the RÉGISTER.

“ As it was by LORD FIFE’s kindness I had the pleasure of seeing the Reports of the Humane Society, which are highly instructive, I thought it a duty incumbent on me to lay before his LORDSHIP an accurate and distinct account of my conduct.

“ I was called to see N. Dunbar, said to be drowned. From the most minute enquiry, he must have been *a quarter of an hour fully under water*. I had him conveyed to a public house. *Upon examination no pulse could be felt, the breathing was suspended with every other vital function, the pupil much dilated, and a livid countenance.* I had the body well dried; frictions were then employed, with the most powerful stimulants, the warm bath, and other remedies, as recommended by your Society. In about ten minutes I was well encouraged to persevere, as some languid signs of animation appeared; and soon followed an irregular and laborious respiration; and by the next morning his health and life was perfectly restored.

“ PETER FARQUHAR.”

The

REV. SIR WILLIAM CLARKE, Bart.

transmitted

the following remarkable

instance of Resuscitation

to

Dr. HAWES.

SIR,

I feel greater pleasure than I can express, in having been instrumental in restoring to Life an amiable child, that was drowned, to its disconsolate parents.

At the head of the great printing works carried on by Messrs. Peel, &c. is a reservoir of water; from this, a number of sluices are cut, to carry certain portions of water to different parts of the machinery. Into one of these the DAUGHTER OF JOHN GREGSON fell, and immediately disappeared.—A man jumped into the water at the place where she had fallen, but found the current so strong, that it was with the greatest difficulty he returned alive.

He found afterwards that the body had been carried into a part of the sluice covered with flags. In vain he attempted to reach it; at length a rake was procured, with which he brought it out; *but so compleatly lifeless in appearance, that without any hesitation it was carried to a shed and laid out as dead.* I have been thus particular, as the time of its being under water is not sufficiently clear, the persons who were present differing in opinion, some think 12 minutes, others more than a quarter of an hour. At this moment Mr. YATES, whose humanity and goodness is equalled by few, arrived.—Though *the child appeared dead, cold, &c.* he ordered it to be removed to an adjoining cottage, put into a warm bed, and sent a messenger to my house. Before my arrival, Mr. PLATT had commenced the usual plan recommended by your invaluable Society.

To those who were satisfied with *appearances* there now remained no doubt of the *child being dead*; but the various methods being continued for more than three quarters of an hour, we were made happy by a sigh from our little patient; this was repeated in about five minutes, and continued to return, the intervals diminishing, until the sighs became more frequent. —The body was still divested of all natural heat; and having fortunately in my pocket a mixture, of equal parts *sp. sal. ammon. et sp. vini camph.* I moistened cloths and flannels (sufficiently large to cover the thorax and abdomen) which I applied over the breast and round the body. —To the astonishment of Mr. YATES and the few persons whom we permitted to be present, the child at length cried aloud. The rubbing had been now continued more than an hour, but it was much longer before any distinct sense returned: the first token of her senses was, she discovered a knowledge of her father's voice.

I now ventured to give her a tea-spoonful of *sp. vol. aromat.* in a little warm water. The enema, which had been administered very warm produced several copious alvine evacuations. — Our ardent endeavours did not cease, until she was so much recovered, as to be able to take a cupfull of gruel, with a little brandy in it. She passed the night more comfortably than could be expected, and is now (the third day since the accident) very well, except a little pain and uneasiness, which arises from the different parts where the cuticle had been slightly abraded.

I am, Sir,

Your most humble Servant,

Bury, Lancashire.

ELLIS CUNLIFFE.

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L I S B O N.

Dr. SEQUEIRA, of London,
presented the following extraordinary instance
of
Resuscitation
to
Dr. HAWES.

S. ALVAREZ, Silversmith of the Street de Prata, sitting by a charcoal fire in a small apartment, with the doors shut, was seized with giddiness to such a degree, as to be obliged to lay himself on the bed, but neglected to extinguish the fire. On the succeeding morning his neighbours remarking that his shop door was not opened at the usual hour, and that the key was on the inside, after repeatedly knocking, without hearing him stir, concluded that he was dead, and in the presence of the OFFICERS OF THE POLICE broke open the door, and found him stretched on the bed, lying on his back, with the arms extended, foaming at the mouth, and various other symptoms of ASPHYXIA.

Dr. HENRIQUES de PAIVA was called to his assistance, and with unremitting ardor and diligence employed the various judicious plans of Resuscitation recommended for the restoration to Life of apparently dead persons by the ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY of LONDON, which had been translated into the *Portuguese language*.

The PHYSICIAN had the satisfaction, in the space of *one hour*, to hear the poor man breathe, groan, and cry out *Jesus*; and by persevering in his endeavours accomplished a perfect restoration of health and life.

How lamentable a truth it is that notwithstanding the frequent recurrence of such dreadful accidents, many are the victims hurried to the grave without attempting their preservation by the methods, the efficacy of which has been so satisfactorily ascertained, and so happily substantiated, in a great variety of instances!

The ROYAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF LISBON, moved by their humanity and philanthropy, have unanimously resolved to excite the attention of the FACULTY to the restoration of the lives of the apparently dead by rewards of about EIGHT GUINEAS, besides an HONORARY MEDAL.—The INTENDANT GENERAL OF THE POLICE, desirous of promoting those laudable and benevolent designs, has most benevolently ordered, that the *proper apparatuses* and *drags* shall be placed in different quarters of the town.

OUR AUGUST SOVEREIGN, to shew how much *she is ardently interested in the lives of her subjects*, and how much she applauds the conduct of those who distinguish themselves by exerting their humanity and their talents in the preservation of the lives of their fellow creatures, ordered her INTENDANT GENERAL of the Police, personally, to signify her Royal approbation of the zeal and assiduity of Dr. HENRIQUES DE PAIVA, in his attendance to P. ALVAREZ, whom he had happily RESTORED TO LIFE; and to order an ample gratuity of 230,000 ryes, *about sixty guineas*, for his trouble and success.—On the 6th of the same month, the *said Magistrate* waited on Doctor de PAIVA to fulfill the commands of her MAJESTY.—How glorious will this instance of the discreet munificence of the GREAT MARIA appear to future ages, when recorded in the *Portuguese Annals*!—What happy progress may we not expect in the advancement of knowledge and merit, when it is so honourably and so generously rewarded by our SOVEREIGN!

To the
CORONERS
of
GREAT BRITAIN.

Gentlemen,

The following example is highly worthy of your serious regard, as it may afford you frequent opportunities of promoting the permanent happiness of individuals, and of rendering important services to the State, in preserving the lives of the people—

THOMAS COTES, Esq. *Coroner of Hereford*, has lately, in a provincial paper, given to the Publick, information and advice, which reflects the highest honour on his humanity and his public situation.

W. H.

“ *To the Editor, &c.*

“ I beg leave earnestly to recommend, that in
“ cases of *suspended animation, or apparent death,*
“ particularly those of *hanging, drowning, or intoxication,*
“ the nearest medical assistance be as soon as possible
“ procured; convinced that the *irritability* of the
“ *system, or vital principle,* is frequently supposed to be
“ extinct, when by proper applications and treatment
“ it would be proved that Life had not departed, but
“ remained in a dormant state.

“ T. COTES, *Coroner.*”

* * In the same publication Mr. COTES requests the attention of venders of *Arsenic* to the instructions of the ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY, and communicated to the public the *caution* of the MANAGERS of that institution — A *caution*, the diffusion of which *throughout the kingdom* demands the attention of those in OFFICIAL and MEDICAL situations. W. H.

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